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CAPTAIN

JOHN FINLEY.

Talks Entertainingly Of The War.

He Has Been Having Some Holidays And Visited His Parents In The City.

Captain John Finley of the 9th U. S. Infantry, a former Ypsilanti, has been spending the past few days in the city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Finley, on Chicago Ave. Captain Finley has but recently returned from Manila and consequently has a most interesting fund of Filipino war anecdotes to relate and much information in regard to the peculiarities of country and people.

In answer to a question from a Telegram reporter as to Col. Gardner's 30th regiment, Captain Finley said that while the men are still somewhat raw and amateurish they are steadily developing into a splendid lot of soldiers. They are not acclimated and sickness is widely prevalent in their ranks but the unaccustomed discomforts of foreign service are being endured with very little grumbling. The regiment is stationed on the south line of Manila and as it becomes seasoned to the work at hand, or as pressing need arises, will be gradually advanced to the territory involved in actual fighting. The men's nerves have not yet been hardened to outpost duty, as the most trifling noise will bring a tremendous volley from them. The captain naturally enough, knew nothing of the individual officers and men of the regiment with the exception of Col. Gardner and hence could give no information concerning Ypsilanti's representation therein.

Capt. Finley was asked if the seasoned troops of the regular army endured the life very much better than the new men. "Seasoned troops?" he queried; there aren't any there. A good many of Uncle Sam's experienced Indian fighters and bushwhackers were sent to Manila, but almost all of them have been discharged on account of disability brought on by sickness or wounds. Practically the only difference now between the new and old regiments at Manila is that the former have experienced officers: the common soldiers are all about the same.

The captain is disposed to laugh at the great military reputations which Aguinaldo and his lieutenants are building up in the United States. "You know distance leads enchantment," he said.

"If you could see them yourselves," he continued, and know how small and insignificant they are in every way, physically, mentally and morally, you wouldn't have any disposition to set them up on pedestals and cry them as great men. People in the United States have the idea that Aguinaldo and his lieutenants are the life of the rebellion, are the rebellion itself, in fact; and that the hostilities would instantly cease if they should surrender or be killed. The truth of the matter is that there are dozens of Filipinos just waiting to take their places and that the departure from the islands of the whole lot of them would effect the crushing of the rebellion but very little. The Filipino leaders are prominent by reason of circumstances not from any special military genius or greatness of their own. Through 500 years of almost constant fighting the inhabitants of the Philippine Islands have developed an almost perfect method of looser der fighting and they are all of them born military leaders in the "fight and run" tactics. The power that fanaticism always possesses over barbarous peoples is enabling Aguinaldo to control and lead the Filipinos, but as for his being a military general, it is nonsense to think it. Aguinaldo and his associates are exactly similar to the chiefs who led the American Indians against the United States a few years ago. No one thought them great generals because we were near enough to them to know what they really were. That's just the way Americans at Manila feel about Aguinaldo.

When asked if he believed that the rebellion would be brought to a speedy end, as generally prophesied now, Capt. Finley said: "I don't care to make any statements about my personal opinion on the matter but I will review the conditions, as any can who has given the campaign special consideration."

The Filipinos are perhaps the most skillful bush fighters known to civilized troops and they are conducting their operations in a country which is very peculiarly adapted to such a mode of warfare. They are on their own grounds and are fighting against foreign foes who have practically no means of transportation. They are waging a conflict which

they carried on successfully with the Spanish forces many years and their foes are wasted with disease and worn out for lack of food, while they themselves continue in good health and are never at a loss for what they consider a square meal. In addition to these facts it should be observed that the Spanish, who are inferior as soldiers to Americans, needed 250,000 troops to fight the Cubans, and that Uncle Sam's force in the Philippines is about 40,000. On the other side of the balance sheet is the fact that American troops are the best in the world and can be relied upon to accomplish about ten times as much as at first consideration would seem credible. The United States can in time utterly crush their foes in the Philippines, but to believe that the operation is a Sunday school picnic affair or to be accomplished in a few months, hardly seems in accordance with the facts in the case.

Captain Finley leaves the city this evening and will shortly rejoin his regiment. He is a typical American soldier of large frame and manly, courageous bearing.

MARKET REPORTS.

The following range in prices today in the Chicago grain market is reported for The Telegram by the Hawkins' House brokers' office, over the Imperial Stock & Grain Co's wire:

	open	high	low	close
Wheat—				
May	69½	69½	69½	69½
July	70½	70½	70½	70½
Corn—				
May	33½	33½	33½	33½
Oats—				
May	24½	24½	24½	24½
Pork—				
Jan.	10.20	10.37	10.12	10.37
May	10.32	10.40	10.17	10.30
Lard—				
Jan.	547	557	547	555
May	565	580	565	577
Ribs—				
Jan.	540	547	535	547
May	550	560	545	560

Liverpool—12:30 p. m.;—wheat ½ higher
Liverpool 1:30 p. m.—Wheat ½ higher.
Corn ½ higher, London:—1:30 p. m.
wheat ½ higher.
London:—Wheat cargoes firm. Options
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LOVE FINDS A WAY.

BY JEANNETTE H. WALWORTH.

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sively. "Father, do you believe there are such things as ghosts?"

"Of course I do not. No sensible person does," her father answered, with explosive violence.

"Not even after people have seen one, papa, with their own eyes?"

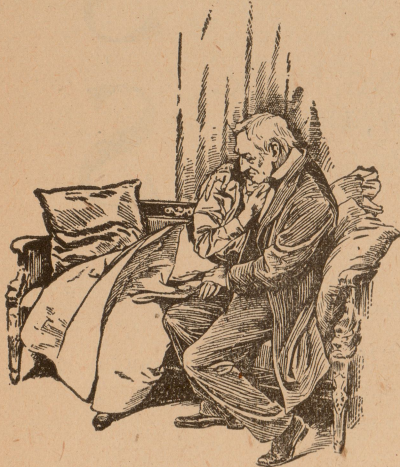
"No one ever has seen one, Olivia. You were unstrung by your accident, and prowling about at midnight in this gloomy old house did the rest."

"I was not at all unstrung, father. I slept like a baby until I had all the sleep I needed."

"And, having become sleepless in a strange bed, you grew fanciful. Rest assured, my love, you did not see a ghost."

"Then what did I see, father, there, right through the open glass door? You know I am not fanciful, and I know what I saw—a faint light shining on the ceiling of the study and something tall and white, as tall as old Colonel Broxton, leaning over his desk."

The lawyer's tongue felt dry and hot as it clove to the roof of his mouth. Clammy moisture stood in great beads on his forehead. He cleared his throat to gain command of his voice, but only



Her father wrapped his arms about her, a husky whisper escaped from his lips.

"Who was it, father? What was it? Why don't you answer me?"

Her insistence irritated him. Her wide questioning eyes would not loose their hold of his agitated face. He took refuge in roughness.

"How can I explain away the vagaries of a frightened girl's imagination? I presume women always conjure up something grotesque when they find themselves awake at an unusual hour." He knew that he was maligning one of the bravest little souls in the world, but his necessity knew no law.

"Father, you are being absolutely unjust and cruelly unkind. You know I am not imaginative in that way. You know I am not a coward. But we will let it stop at that. I hear Tom coming back."

When Tom stood over her, proffering the bromide all mixed ready for taking, she looked up into his pale and worried face with one of her sweetest smiles. Suddenly she put out a hand and drew him down on the sofa by her side.

"Tom, dear, you are entirely too good to me. I have worried you straight through this day. I have made you horribly uncomfortable. Please forgive me like the dear old generous friend you are."

And Tom, out of sheer gratitude for her tardy recognition of all he had suffered that day, bent his head with the stately grace of an old time cavalier and kissed the little hand that still rested on his arm.

He felt himself going hot and cold, red and white, all in a minute. "Oh, Ollie, if you would only always be like this to me, what could I not make of myself for your sweet sake!" he stammered.

Upon which her father, with a kill joy air, advised her retiring before the bromide should be made of no effect.

"I shall finish the night on a couch, in your room, my dear, so that you shall not be imagining things again."

"And I," said Tom, with a brilliant smile, "shall stay down stairs to give the Broxton mice some lessons in company manners."

A lightsome heart makes jesting easy. Ollie had been her sweetest self in the past few minutes, and Tom walked on air. He held the door open and watched her disappear up the steps leaning on her father.

In his haste to reassure her he had lighted both the library and his father's study in the rear of it. He stepped into the smaller room to extinguish the light. There, on his father's desk, was an object which only his preoccupation when he was hastily lighting the room could have prevented his seeing on entering it before.

An open Bible, large print, lay under the gas jet. A bit of white ribbon marked a passage. He stooped to read it:

"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man."

Tom read the passage twice over and then brought the lids of the book together to identify it. He was quite sure he had never seen that identical Bible before. In gilt letters on the back he found the initials "S. R. B."

"My mother's Bible!" he said in an awestruck whisper. He opened the

book again and once more read the passage upon which the white ribbon had been pressed.

As he read "Mother" Spillman's strange words seemed to trace themselves over the warning passage:

"Though one were to come back from the dead, you would not believe."

He shook himself violently, as if to arouse his dormant common sense faculties. He closed the book reverently and put it under his arm. It should henceforth go with him wherever he went.

He forgot all about his jesting promise to Olivia. He mounted the steps and closed the door of his own room softly. For a long time he sat pondering

ing that strange message by the light of his dying candle:

"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man."

Whose tender spirit was grieving over his earthly chances? The morning star shone brilliantly in upon him through the drawn curtains. He waited a message heavenward by that radiant herald:

"Father, mother, trust me. I will walk worthy of your living examples so long as breath prolongs my being."

Before long he was sleeping sweetly and dreamlessly. His nature was too essentially healthy to harbor perplexity or distrust for any length of time.

CHAPTER X.

TOM'S RICHES TAKE WINGS.

When Tom Broxton's two years of travel and study on the other side of the water had nearly expired, two letters crossed each other on the high seas. One was emphatically and exclusively a love letter, ardent, effusive, persuasive, boyish if you will. He had written it to Olivia Matthews as a concession to his own heart hunger. The other was as emphatically and exclusively a business letter, direct, explicit, hard, convincing. Tom's guardian had mailed it to him on the very day he had dispatched his to Olivia.

Said Thomas in his letter:

My Darling Ollie—What I say to you in this letter I am quite sure is already well known to you. I love you, and I want to marry you just as soon as practicable after my return to America. What I mean by "practicable" you and Miss Malvina and the dressmakers will best understand.

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APPROPRIATELY CELEBRATED.

Washington's Birthday was the Subject for an Evening of Good Things.

Speakers Whom the Public Love to Hear Entertained a Large Gathering at the M Rooms Last Evening.

Phoenix and Ypsilanti lodges, No. 13, F. & A. M., and No. 128, F. & A. M., united in holding very beautiful services in Ypsilanti lodge rooms last evening, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the death of George Washington.

The rooms were decorated with flags and banners and at the back of the speakers' platform hung a portrait of the hero in whose honor the exercises were being held. The audience consisted of the brother masons, their wives and daughters and a number of specially invited guests from outside the orders. The services lasted about two hours and were very beautiful and impressive—the singing of Rock of Ages with stereopticon illustrations being particularly effecting.

M. M. Reed, Master of Ypsilanti lodge, presided, and as an opening asked the Rev. C. T. Allen to invoke the divine blessing. A quartet consisting of Mesdames Whittaker and Messrs. Davis and Webb, rendered sacred music, following which the Rev. J. A. Brown read passages from the Bible. Mr. Reed then introduced Prof. J. A. Barbour for address on "Washington as a Patriot."

Professor Barbour described Washington's unparalleled success as a statesman to his righteousness of heart and to the fact that every step he took in life was proceeded by an appeal for guidance from the over-ruling providence. Said Mr. Barbour: "It would be well for the American soldier to remember that this great American commander knelt in the hours of his darkest disappointment and prayed to his God in the simple faith of a little child. But apart from this unselfish and religious quality of Washington's patriotism, I would add that it had a peculiar national quality—a quality peculiar to him. Washington was not an English colonial gentleman whose patriotism and regard was limited to a few hundred square miles of territory, his patriotism knew no geographical bounds, it was essentially of a religious nature. It was the fruit of the heart of

one who was a good citizen and patriot of his country because at the same time he was a citizen of that great and wonderful city not made with hands, whose builder is God.

"My Country 'tis of Thee" was rendered by the quartet, after which the Rev. William Gardam spoke of "Washington as a Statesman." In part the address was as follows:

"The American Commonwealth was the pioneer into new and undiscovered regions of political faith and government and has been the world's providential schoolmaster during the year of this century. Government on the basis of equality of rights and opportunity in things political was an absolutely new and undiscovered doctrine of government until in the Providence of God the American colonists were driven by a chain of most marvelous events to review the political status of men, as interpreted by the most liberal government of the day, and in this review made the discovery that for bread the mother country offered them stones."

Washington stands out distinctly as the savior and father of his country. In all the illustrious names that have made American history for the past two hundred years there has arisen not one which could be compared to this one. He is alone, as was Moses, the leader and law giver of his people.

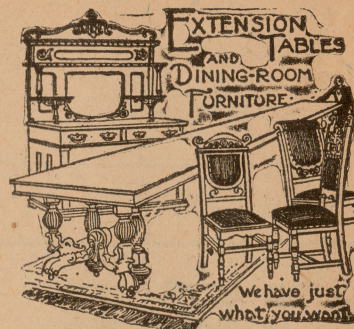
"But once has this free nation, bought by the blood of our colonial fore-fathers, founded in the wise statesmanship of the wisest man this nation has known, or ever will know, welded together by a workmanship whose skill was surely not of man's training, but the Lord's, but once has it perilled its existence since its history began to be written. Washington saw the dangers of states' right and the assertion of state sovereignty, and 1861 to 1865 has the bloodiest test of all history as to whether Washington or Jefferson Davis was the exponent of Americanism, and Lincoln the statesman. People of these times joined hands with Washington and declared the union to be essential to the integrity and continuance of the nation.

"The United States today is a distinct natural evolution of the statesmanship and wisdom of Washington. This country would never have reached a national consciousness would certainly a never have grown to be the empire of Freeman, as we are to day, had not this greatest statesman of his day and of all centuries during which we have been governed, made union, federation, unity the capstone of the arch of the world's first actual republic."

After Rev. Mr. Gardam's address, Prof. George read a very appropriate selection, "The last farewell Address of Washington," following which Prof. Whittaker and his quartet rendered, "There is a green hill far away."

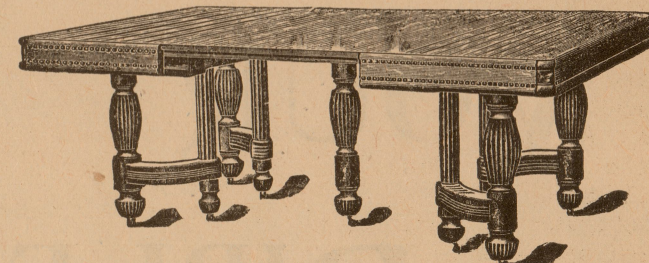
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THE DINING ROOM



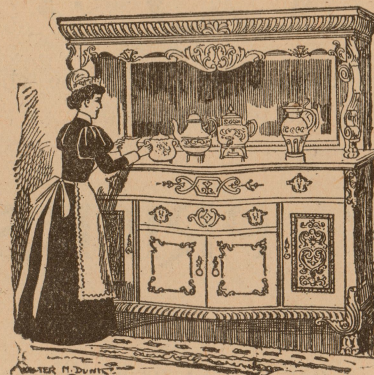
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Nine bars Lenox Soap,	=	25c
Eleven bars Armour's Key Soap,	=	25c
Seven bars Buffalo Bill Soap,	=	25c
Three cans Maine Brand Corn, extra good	=	25c
Three cans Red Ox Brand Tomatoes,	=	25c
One can Red Alaska Salmon, 10c Saturday only. 3 cans,	=	25c
One can Apricots,	=	10c
No. 1 Crackers, 6c lb., 5 lbs., for	=	25c
One gal. N. O. Molasses,	=	55c
One gal. Porto Rico Molasses,	=	30c
Seven lbs. Bulk Starch	=	25c
Five and 10c p'k'gs Bell Starch for	=	4 and 8c
Four lbs. Ginger Snaps	=	25c
Fancy Kettle Rendered Lard	=	07c
Large Bottle Sunny Side Ketchup,	=	09c
Bottle Fancy Heinz's Pickles	=	08c
Three-fourths lb. p'k'g Wyandotte Baking Soda,	=	04c
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Local News.

Miss Mitchell, of Wyandotte, is spending a few days with relatives in the city.

A fracas between a colored man and woman occurred on the streets Wednesday night.

A 15 cent supper will be served at the Y. M. C. A. rooms this evening from 5 to 7 o'clock.

The Jolly Time Club announces a dance in Light Guard hall for Wednesday evening, Dec. 20.

Miss Florence Batchelder, of Washington st., entertained a few friends at cards last evening.

Miss May Fitzgibbon, of Wayne, has returned to her home after a short visit with Ypsilanti friends.

A recent jollification at the Washtenaw County Club was at "beefsteak party," given by Edward Cornwall.

The genial H. C. Smith has been informed that he is not to have his coveted position on the judiciary committee of congress.

On Friday morning it is customary at the Normal to render special music at the chapel exercises. This morning Miss Isabella Gareisson sang the sacred solo, "Light of Heaven."

The Hon. Perry F. Power, of the State Board of Education was expected to appear at the Normal chapel exercises this morning and make a speech, but for unknown reasons did not materialize.

Miss Blair, director of the girls department of the Albion College, was in the city recently and paid a visit to the Normal gymnasium. A game between two of the class teams was played for her benefit.

Ypsilanti's "Married People's Dancing Club" have arranged for a grand hop, and name Dec. 26th as the time, and Light Guard hall as the place for the exhibition. It is such hard times over there that a married man is actually obliged to dance with his own wife. Most of the gentlemen who belong to the club, claim that they are patrons of husbandry, but instead, they are patterns of that order. They will attempt a round dance or a square dance, just according to the figure they wish to cut. The old maids and the old bachelors of the city will hold an indignation meeting, and perhaps take a trolley ride to Ann Arbor, where people are not so exclusive. Clark Schuh is looking for a big trade in licenses from Ypsilanti for the week preceding Christmas. It is said that Ypsi's mayor, ex-Congressman Allen, will lead the Grand march, and be chaperone for such giddy fellows as Pete Carpenter, Frank Smith, Frank Joslyn, Tracy Townner, and one or two of the aldermen.—Adrian Press.

The Hon. E. P. Allen addressed the audience on "Washington as a Mason." The Mayor on rising said:

Arden Sweet, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sweet, is suffering from an attack of typhoid fever.

Mrs. Annah Ward, of S. Washington St. recently sustained a fall at her home, as the result of which she was very badly bruised. No bones were broken and no permanent injuries are anticipated.

Ralph Meanwell, the 5 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Meanwell, of Howell St. fell on an icy sidewalk this morning and broke his left arm at the elbow. Last winter the little fellow had a similar fall, in which his collar bone was fractured.

Harrison J. Wolf effectively presented "Hamlet" at the Opera House last evening. Mr. Wolf presents strong dramatic instincts and enacts the great Shakespearean role accuracy and artistic effect. Of his support Miss Hortense Vanzile as "Ophelia" was the favorite.

Rev. E. W. Ryan, who is in attendance upon the Methodist State Convention at Albion, led the discussion of yesterday's addresses. The subject under consideration yesterday was "education," address being delivered by several of the prominent state divines. The convention will be closed this evening.

The junior class of the Normal, who were obliged to cut short their initial meeting on account of the lateness of the hour, have completed the election of officers. The complete list is: President, George Gannon; Vice Pres. Miss Skinner; Secy, Miss Mollie Comstock; Treas., Mr. Erving; Executive Com., Chairman, Mr. Root, D. Taucher, and Miss Davis; Yell Master, S. Chapman; Editor, Miss Rogers.

Probably the appointment of Wells to be postmaster at Ypsilanti, is as well as Smith could do, but there are some disappointed aspirants. It seems Billy Judson, had a ground wire laid over there with a switch running to Smith's office, and he kept run of Mr. Worthley's chances at least, and headed off any chance of success in that direction. Mr. Creech, who supposed he had simply to fill out his bonds, learned of the appointment of Wells, with that feeling which makes a man seek a hot toddy for relief. He was so completely knocked out, that he has no ambition to ever again look an office in the face. Ben Kief says his failure to get the plum will not be recorded among the list of failures during the year, and that while there can be no assets in the postoffice for him, there are no liabilities, not in charge of the congressman, and that with McKinley prosperity bursting all over Ypsilanti, making every thing hum, he thinks he does not care if he was in love for a time. He will endeavor to wed some other business.—Adrian Press.

Ralph Lewis, of Ann Arbor, was visiting friends in the city yesterday.

E. Harding, of Excelsior, O., is among the recent arrivals at the Sanitarium.

The Rev. Frank Blanchard, of Saline, is spending a few days with friends in the city.

A party from Ypsilanti will attend the performance of "The Little Minister" at Detroit tomorrow afternoon.

F. J. Tietz, the founder of "Pepper Sauce," Detroit's new weekly magazine, visited George E. Sherman, today.

Charles E. Foote is in the mountains of western North Carolina, visiting friends, we suppose, among the moon-shiners and clay-eaters of that section.

The D. Y. & A. A. was 35 minutes behind its schedule time last night on account of a delay to traffic caused by one of the car's jumping the track in the city limits of Detroit.

Regular Saturday evening supper served at the Episcopal church house this week. Menu: escalloped oysters, escalloped potatoes, pickles, brown and white bread, doughnuts and coffee.

Mrs. Hannah Ward, of South Washington street recently sustained a fall as the result of which she was very badly bruised. No bones were broken and no permanent injuries are anticipated.

The Columbiad League will give a masquerade and dance in L. O. T. M. hall on East Cross street, Thursday, Dec. 28th. Gentlemen will be charged 50c for dance tickets; ladies in masquerade costume will be admitted free and spectators charged 25 cents. An oyster supper will be served.

As Bert Barnes' Milk wagon horse was being driven up Cross St. this morning about 8 o'clock, it shied at a passing D. Y. & A. A. car, and fell into a six foot sewer trench. The sewer gang was set to work filling in the trench under and around the helpless animal and after much difficulty its rescue was effected. The horse suffered no injuries, beyond one or two very slight bruises.

Cupid's darts which have pierced so many of the Young people of this city recently with matrimonial results have at last reached the miserable organ, known as the heart, of one Ypsilanti bachelor who had passed some thirty odd summers without a single wound till his friends believed they would never have a chance to extend the "glad hand" of congratulation in his direction. The young man in question is one of scholastic as well as pedagogical pursuits upon whom the work of merit is clearly displayed. At present he isn't in this city and as it's a secret, his name is not mentioned herein. The young lady is not a resident of this town. Of course, all this is a rumor but it comes straight—awfully straight.

Appropriately Celebrated.

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"Ladies and gentlemen: Considering the brief time I have, I find myself somewhat embarrassed from the fact that I am compelled to talk along very narrow lines.

My brethren who have preceded me have spoken of Washington as a statesman and Washington as a patriot, and to me it has been assigned to speak of him as a Mason. He is one who belonged to an organization which is not familiar in details to many of you. It is like asking one to speak of Washington as a husband to his wife. There are some things that cannot be said. I cannot tell you what Washington said as he presided over the lodge of which he was master, besides it would not be interesting to you who are not Masons. All over the country, from ocean to ocean the anniversary of the death of Washington has been kept and the national movement arose from the great masonic body to which he belonged. Under its auspices in every city have been conducted exercises commemorative of the man who one hundred years ago passed from this earth and these exercises have been attended by the best men and women in this country. At his tomb at Mt. Vernon to-day stood the president of the United States, members of the cabinet, men in high rank in the army and navy and distinguished members of congress, and at that tomb the subordinate lodge of Masons which one hundred years ago with its ritual, today conducted the exercises at Mt. Vernon.

Now Washington was naturally a Mason, naturally dwelt upon speculative Masonry. He had imbibed deeply the teachings, histories and philosophies of the old testament and this is shown everywhere in Washington's entire career, in his farewell address, in almost all his public messages, when deep in the snow in the forest he knelt in prayer for the deliverance of his country and when he was chosen the first president of the United States. The tenets of Masonry are all found there deeply written, never to be removed for the moment the Bible is removed from Masonry, Masonry falls to the ground.

George was naturally religious, philosophical, meditative, solemn. He would have made a good Puritan. Lincoln was exactly such a type of a man and received his early training and depth of mind from the same source. He rose to those magnificent heights of grandeur and glory simply because he built upon that wonderful foundation, the Bible. Surrounded as he was by the turmoil and overpowering burden of the Revolution and the preceding years, Washington never failed to do two things: In all his history he never failed to attend his church and his lodge when he could

possibly get there. He did not allow one to take the place of the other either.

Washington always carried with him that solemnity that comes from responsibility, the dignity that comes from carrying on the grand mission in his heart to be worked out in his brain. Masonry did Washington good and Washington honored Masonry.

Now I do not want anyone who is not a Mason to go away thinking I have said or thought that Washington would not have been just as great, as good and as successful a man if he had not been a Mason. I only say that his nature, his mind, his soul, and his high sense of responsibility made him naturally a Mason and being such it strengthened him throughout all his life and that is about the same thing."

Deputy Perry Adjusts Marital Troubles.

John Perry, the colored deputy sheriff reports marital difficulties among the dwellers on "hungry hill." Last evening about 8 o'clock, in the midst of a blustering snow storm, he received a visit from a tearful young woman who informed him that she had been turned out of the house by her liege lord. Perry returned with her and threatened the husband with all the terrors of criminal, moral and physical law if he did not alter his dwellings toward his better fraction. The man sullenly promised that there would be no more "lockouts" in his establishment.

The wife explained that her husband would persist in playing cards and checkers in the parlor and when he did this would soil the carpets with his wet, muddy shoes. She remonstrated vigorously last evening at the proceeding, when her husband in a towering rage thrust her from the house.

Deceptive Covers.

It is safest, in London secondhand bookstalls at least, to look into a book before buying it. A London bookseller has confessed in court that he and others had the habit of "buying up old books and sticking covers on 'em." It appears that the plaintiff had found on buying "Nicholas Nickleby" and "Oliver Twist" that there was never a word about Nicholas and Oliver in them.

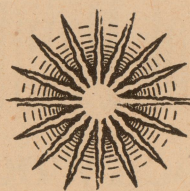
How He Got It.

"I," said the gruff old merchant to the young man who wanted to go away for a week, "have worked here for 22 years without a vacation."

"Yes, I know it. That's why I want to get away. But for the horrible example you present I might be willing to work on and on without a vacation."

Let it suffice to say that he got his vacation.—Chicago Times-Herald.

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Ann Arbor.

It is reported that Prof. Pattingill of the University will summon before him all students who can be found to have made charges against the management of the athletic association, and compel them to substantiate what they have said or make public retractions.

Wire inspector Lester H. Canfield, of Ann Arbor, in company with two others of the same persuasion, has been notified by Railroad Commissioner Osborn that the holiday season in wire work is to be considered over and that he and the two others may consider themselves dropped from the official list.

The street crossing question is occupying the attention of the Ann Arbor common council, and a committee is conducting an investigation into the state of affairs now existing in the city. The present level of the Ann Arbor railroad tracks in the city limits is at the level of the street, though to reach this level trains have to descend a steep grade on entering the city. It is proposed that the railroad tracks be elevated thereby doing away with this grade and also abolishing the present dangerous street crossings.

During a recent visit to New York Prof. M. E. Cooley, of the University, paid a visit to the naval department at Washington and the Philadelphia and New York navy yards. By special invitation he accompanied the party of experts on the trial trip of the torpedo boat Craven. The contract calls for a speed of thirty and a half knots an hour which is 35 miles an hour. The boat is only 150 feet long, 16 foot beam, 8 foot draft and weight with full equipment 140 tons. The engines have 4,200 horsepower. The deck of the boat is of steel three thirty-seconds thick. No cast iron is used in the construction of the boat, the materials being steel bronze and aluminum, a ton of the later being worked up.

J. S. Mason, of Mason Bros. of Bay City has the contract for putting the campus well down another 1,000 feet, and will commence work in a few days. From now on it can be said, the drill will be in virgin territory. Up to this time the formation of the rock was substantially known. Now every foot will be of interest, as it will demonstrate whether the formation is regular, as in other places, or broken. The theory of Frank Mason—one of the contractors—is that the Trenton rock, which is the oil and gas-bearing rock, which will rise and be struck at a higher depth than at Dundee, Monroe county, which was 2,175 feet. A recommendation has been made to the regents that the department of zoology make a study of the formations found from day to day.

One of the principal topics of discussion at the University is the possibility of the college's being represented at the Paris exposition by a team of athletes. In view of there being even a bare possibility of such an arrangement track men are devoting themselves to their dainty practice with unwonted assiduity. At the athletic board meeting Tuesday night the question of a Paris representation was thoroughly discussed. It appeared that Michigan will have to undertake all expenses incident to the trip if decided upon. To start a fund for this purpose it was suggested that a subscription paper be circulated among the alumni in Detroit and Chicago, all subscriptions to be contingent for collections upon the showing of the track team later in the spring being good enough to warrant entry. This plan will likely be adopted.

STONEY CREEK.

The Redner School will celebrate Christmas by appropriate exercises and a Christmas tree, Friday afternoon Dec. 22.

In spite of the blinding snow storm which prevailed yesterday and last night, the people came in great numbers and for many miles to attend the Ladies

Aid Fair, which was a complete success in every particular. The next regular meeting of the society will be at the M. E. parsonage Dec. 21, to which all are cordially invited.

The following is the outline of the program to be rendered the evening of Dec. 31, at the Watch Night service to be held in the M. E. church. Part first, song and praise service. Part second, Junior League hour. Part third, Miscellaneous program. Intermission. Part fourth, sermon. Part fifth, prayer and conference meeting.

John McGraw has concluded to leave the farm he has occupied so long, and will move in the spring on the farm owned by Mort Crane, east of Ypsilanti. We sincerely regret the departure of Mr. and Mrs. McGraw and our best wishes go with them to their new home. Benjamin McGraw, an old time resident of this part of the country, will move on the farm vacated by his son.

DIAMONDS.

If you wish to purchase a Diamond for Christmas you will find a fine assortment to select from at Dodge's. They were fortunate in making their purchase before the recent advance of 25 per cent. and will sell you a Diamond that much less than those who purchased later. They are showing a fine line of Diamonds this season set in Rings, Stick Pins, Brooches, Sleeve Buttons and Studs, also Con Diamonds mounted to order.

We extend a cordial invitation to all to call and inspect our line of New and Fashionable Goods suitable for Christmas presents. Our purchases this season have been larger than for the past ten years, and it would give us pleasure to show our goods whether you desire to purchase or not. An inspection will not be construed as an obligation to purchase. S. H. Dodge & Son.

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Shattered.

Bertha—Mamma, you have shattered the fond hopes that had warmed my breast.

Mamma—What in the world are you talking about, child?
Bertha—You insisted that I should ask Mr. Sweetser what his intentions are, and he said that he called in order to see if he could get you to subscribe to a new work he is canvassing for. And I thought he wanted to marry me! Why could I not have been allowed to enjoy the fond illusion for a little while longer?—Boston Transcript.

Fortune In Face.

"My face is my fortune!" cried the young girl exultingly.
Time laughed behind his beard.
"I'll make her look like 30 cents!" he muttered to himself.
Considering results, one would imagine Time was chiefly busy ruining complexions.—Detroit Journal.

It Didn't Fill the Bill.

"Here's a poem on 'Our Daily Bread.'"
"Can't use it. What we want on our daily bread is butter."—Atlanta Constitution.

Mrs. Ida Washburn was praying on the banks of the Lincoln park (Chicago) lagoon with two boys, preparatory to committing suicide, when a policeman took them to the station.

The use of cocaine to produce local insensibility is forbidden in Turkey on religious grounds.

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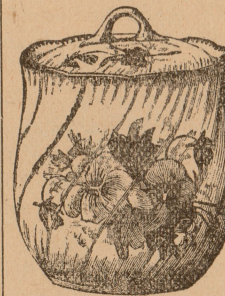


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